

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving  
2 memory of Most Reverend John Jeremiah McRaith.

3 WHEREAS, John McRaith was born in Hutchinson, Minnesota, on December 6,  
4 1934, the cherished son of the late Arthur Luke and Marie Hanley McRaith; and

5 WHEREAS, John McRaith graduated from St. Bernard Seminary and was ordained  
6 a priest of the Diocese of New Ulm, Minnesota, on February 21, 1960; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1982, John McRaith was ordained as the third Bishop of the  
8 Diocese of Owensboro. During his 17 years in that position, Bishop McRaith was an  
9 instrumental part of both Owensboro and western Kentucky, serving as a board member  
10 at Brescia University, the Daniel Pitino Center, the McAuley Free Clinic, and the Lourdes  
11 Hospital Foundation in Paducah; and

12 WHEREAS, Most Reverend John Jeremiah McRaith departed this earthly life and  
13 entered into the kingdom of Heaven on March 19, 2017, leaving his family, friends, and  
14 all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

15 WHEREAS, Bishop McRaith was preceded in death by his parents; brother, James  
16 "Jim" McRaith; sister, Jane Moening; niece, Shannon Ekeren-Moenig; and nephew,  
17 Barry McRaith. He is survived by his sister, Margaret Mary Madden; nieces and nephews,  
18 Molly Wahlgren, Meaghen Madden-VanDyke, Matthew Madden, Mary Elizabeth  
19 Lehman, Tim McRaith, Dan McRaith, Brian Moening, and Sarah Moening; and a host of  
20 other family members, friends, and loved ones who will dearly miss his presence in their  
21 lives;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

23 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*  
24 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

25 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby express their  
26 most profound sympathy upon the passing of the Most Reverend John Jeremiah McRaith,  
27 and acknowledge his many contributions to the Catholic church in Owensboro and in this

1 Commonwealth.

2 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in  
3 honor and loving memory of Most Reverend John Jeremiah McRaith.

4 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
5 copy of this Resolution to Representative D.J. Johnson for delivery.